

Welcome to Worship with First Reformed Church
August 17, 2025
Rev. Luke Baehr

*I bring to you, Jesus, the whole mix of emotions of my day
and week. Thank you for taking me as I am. Amen.*

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.

GOD GATHERS US

Call to Worship

***Opening Praise** *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord
To God Be the Glory
The Jesus Way*

Assurance of Pardon

Welcome & Peace

Refrain of Thanks *More Precious than Silver*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Message

Scripture 1 Kings 19:1-9

Sermon “*Ordinary Courage: Bulletproof?*”

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

GOD SENDS US OUT

***Sending Song** *#202 Amazing Grace (1,3,4)*

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Next Week’s Scripture: 1 Kings 19:10-18

Those Serving Today

Pianist: Darlene Minnema

Nursery: Lydia VanBuren

Coffee Hour – Today

Tim & Sandy Meekma

Coffee Hour – August 24

Jamie Kok

Today

As we worship – indeed, as we live – we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord, Jesus Christ. So, we can lay aside every weight and sin (Hebrews 12:1-2). Welcome.

This Week’s Activities

Monday, August 18

6:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study lesson 26

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 a.m. – Ephesians Bible Study

Sunday, August 24

9:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Pianist: Mary Paul

Nursery: Bryelle Hollander

Announcements

"Postgame" Exegesis Group (August Experiment) - For the month of August, Pastor Luke will be testing out a new group meeting after worship. This group is for anyone who would like to dig a little deeper into the Sunday morning sermon passage by moving "exegetically" (verse-by-verse) through the text, giving space for extra background, questions and discussion. This can be a great way of growing more familiar with the Bible and your personal discipleship. The group will meet in the sanctuary 5-10 minutes after worship and will run until 11:00am.

School Supply Drive - Sisters Keepers will be collecting school supplies again this year. It is hard to believe that we need to start thinking about this already. There will be a tote in the narthex to put your donated items. We will collect until TODAY.

Looking Ahead: Kickoff Sunday - This year's fall Education Kickoff will be on Sunday, September 14. Catechism (1st-5th), Cornerstone (6th-8th) and Reformed Church Youth Fellowship [RCYF] (9th-12th) groups will be starting on Wednesday, September 17.

September Messenger Deadline – Kindly submit all articles for the September edition of the Messenger to Jana Roberts by NOON on Friday, August 22.

GriefShare Support Group New Session - If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to attend GriefShare, a grief support group to help you navigate the journey of grieving and find a path to healing. Men and women are welcome. The grief support group will be starting a new 13-week session on Saturday, August 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. For more information, or to register, contact Lois Wendlandt (920-382-3859), email sharethegrief@yahoo.com, or visit griefshare.org.

Emily Dykstra (CRU) Update - On next Sunday, August 24, Emily Dykstra will be visiting us during worship to give an update on her ministry on Milwaukee college campuses through CRU. Emily grew up at First Reformed and has been serving full-time with CRU since graduating from college. Emily is coming off a two-month summer sabbatical and is looking forward to the upcoming fall semester. On August 24, there will be time after worship to talk more with Emily and to pray together.

RCYF Labor Day Pie Stand - Youth group will again have a pie stand in the park on Labor Day, September 1. We are looking for people to donate pies to help make this fundraiser a success. We are looking for about 70 pies. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are willing to donate. This year we would like pies delivered to the church kitchen on Sunday, August 31 by 5:00 PM. If that does not work for you then you can still bring them to the park by 9:00. If you have any questions, you can contact Shirley Schueler.

RCS First Day Kick Off - Randolph Christian School will kick off the 2025-2026 school year on Wednesday, August 20 with a half day of school. Friends of RCS are invited to a welcome back to school chapel in the gym at 8:30 AM. The theme for the year is *Agents of Change for Christ* based on Matthew 5:14-16, which encourages us to be the light of the world, illuminating the path for others through our actions and faith.

Fond du Lac Covenant Church Hymn Sing - Join us at Historic Peniel Chapel on Saturday, August 23 at 6pm for an hour-long musical program featuring the Covenant Bell Choir from Fond du Lac's Covenant Church and the Peniel Men's Quartet. Enjoy congregational hymn singing with accompaniment from the chapel's century-old organ and piano. The chapel, established in 1856, is located at W9644 Zoar Rd., Oshkosh—7 miles north of Rosendale and 5 miles south of Oshkosh (take Hwy 26 to FF, then go west ½ mile). For more information, contact Rev. Tom White at 920-922-9424.